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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, Deputy Director for Science
And Technology

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 1971-1974 Cost Estimates

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Director of Special Activities
from Comptroller, National Reconnaissance
Office, subject as above, dated 10 October 1968,
[REDACTED]

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1. As requested in the referent memorandum, attached are Budget Estimates for IDEALIST, IDEALIST/[REDACTED], U-2R PROCUREMENT, GENERAL R&D (AIRCRAFT), [REDACTED], and ADVANCED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS for fiscal years 1971-1974.

2. As discussed with members of your staff subsequent to 10 October, it is understood that the OEL and ORD estimates will be sent directly to your office and hence are not contained herein.

3. Also included are the costs of procurement of an Advanced Aircraft System. It has been the practice in the past to highlight new systems when an advancement of this type should be attempted. The basis for this cost proposal is the [REDACTED] type vehicle, hence, the sums indicated are substantial. This submission is suggested and your decision as to timeliness is solicited even though the probability of approval is remote.

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1. It is anticipated that USIB requirements for South China reconnaissance will remain static, with some increases in the U-2 reconnaissance requirement being levied as the Chinese ICBM threat intensifies. Other U-2 reconnaissance requirements in response to crisis situations are expected to remain as previously stated [REDACTED].

2. The Budget Estimates contained herein are based on the following assumptions:

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a. The IDEALIST Program will continue its operation at Edwards Air Force Base, maintaining a Training Program, a Test Program, and a capability for one deployment.

b. The IDEALIST detachment at [REDACTED] will be active throughout this period.

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c. Certain other U-2 staging operations occur periodically, [REDACTED]

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d. The IDEALIST Program will operate one half of the U-2R fleet, plus enough U-2C aircraft for a total of [REDACTED] Aircraft. The [REDACTED] Program will do the same. The Air Force Systems Command will operate 3 U-2C aircraft. The remainder of the U-2C aircraft will be stored.

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e. Attrition will occur at the rate of one U-2R and one U-2C per year, fleet wide. Losses will be replaced by removal of U-2C aircraft from storage.

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h. U-2C aircraft will be used for training and non-hazardous operational missions, (Crop photography, film test, etc.) and will not require [REDACTED] updating.

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The estimates are based on the assumption that the phase 2 of the Program will be accomplished during fiscal year 1970, and that [REDACTED] missions per year will be flown during the follow-on period.

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